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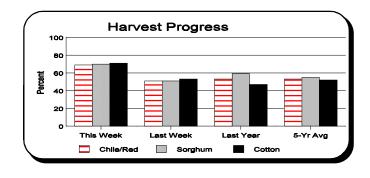
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 11, 2001

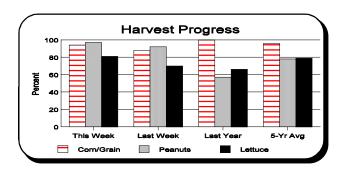
NEW MEXICO: There were 6.9 days suitable for field work. Freeze damage was reported at 6% light and 11% moderate. The weather has been excellent for the 2001 harvest as harvesting of cotton, sorghum, chile, alfalfa, and corn continued. Some growers needing to harvest were waiting for a hard freeze. The last cutting of alfalfa continued with 82% complete. Cotton continued to be defoliated and harvested with 71% complete. Combining of sorghum was in full swing with 59% complete. Peanut harvest was winding down at 97% complete and above average yields reported. Red chile harvest was ahead of normal with 69% harvested. Ranchers continued to ship a high volume of cattle and lambs to market. Many ranchers were selling older breeding stock due to poor pasture conditions. Pasture and range feed was reported at 8% very poor, 46% poor, 41% fair, and 5% good.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

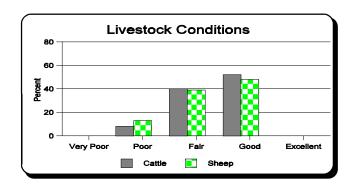
CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
SORGHUM (AII)	Harvested	70	51	59	55
COTTON	Harvested	71	53	47	52
CORN	Harvest/Grain	94	88	100	96
CHILE	Harvested-Red	69	51	53	53
PEANUTS	Harvested	97	92	57	1/
LETTUCE	Harvested	81	70	66	79

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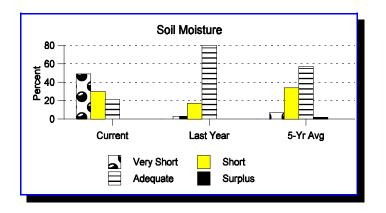


CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES							
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Chile		14	34	32	20		
Onions				58	42		
Pecans			23	32	45		
Wheat (Total)	14	26	28	32			
Cattle		8	40	52			
Sheep		13	39	48			



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	74	26		
Northeast	60	34	6	
Southwest	50	2	48	
Southeast	17	47	36	
State	49	30	21	
State-Last Year	3	17	80	
State-5-Yr Avg.	7	34	57	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

It was another balmy, autumn week over New Mexico, with temperatures well above normal at most places. The statewide average temperature was between six and seven degrees above normal. A weak storm system brought some measurable precipitation to roughly half the state, but amounts were very light for the most part. Greatest totals included .20 inches at Ruidoso and .18 inches at Chama.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS NOVEMBER 5-11, 2001

		Temperature	Э			Precipitation		
Station	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	11/05 11/11	11/01 11/11	Normal Nov	01/01 11/11	Normal Jan-Nov
Carlsbad	55.1	75	39	0.09	0.09	0.59	6.05	12.38
Hobbs	57.7	80	38	0.00	0.00	0.77	5.69	16.16
Roswell	54.9	80	34	0.01	0.29	0.55	7.90	12.38
Clayton	51.9	75	30	0.06	0.06	0.52	10.23	14.80
Clovis	54.5	79	34	0.00	0.00	0.73	11.78	16.97
Roy	51.9	71	29	0.00	0.00	0.50	8.63	15.29
Tucumcari	55.5	79	32	Т	0.00	0.51	13.37	13.90
Chama	42.1	63	24	0.18	0.18	1.72	17.27	19.81
Johnson Ranch	45.0	66	25	0.00	0.04	0.69	6.22	10.85
Capulin	44.3	69	20	0.00	0.00	0.67	10.99	16.94
Las Vegas	42.9	69	28	0.00	0.00	0.67	10.29	16.49
Los Alamos	47.3	57	37	0.03	0.04	1.02	12.46	17.64
Raton	45.9	71	22	0.01	0.01	0.61	12.08	16.22
Santa Fe	47.6	68	26	0.03	0.03	0.63	8.80	13.21
Red River	37.8	58	18	0.14	0.16	1.18	19.75	19.33
Farmington	52.3	67	35	0.06	0.06	0.94	5.37	8.12
Gallup	47.6	65	26	0.02	0.02	0.95	9.61	11.91
Grants	45.9	69	23	0.04	0.04	0.58	6.48	10.14
Silver City	53.5	68	38	0.00	0.00	0.70	9.42	14.72
Quemado	46.0	67	26	0.17	0.17	0.59	8.22	10.65
Albuquerque	53.3	67	39	Т	0.00	0.43	5.58	8.38
Carrizozo	49.9	70	30	0.00	0.00	0.76	7.22	12.07
Gran Quivera	48.4	66	29	0.00	0.00	0.91	6.93	14.92
Moriarty	47.8	76	28	0.05	0.05	0.40	9.21	12.17
Ruidoso	45.8	65	31	0.20	0.20	0.88	16.96	19.72
Socorro	51.1	73	31	0.02	0.02	0.47	7.86	8.95
Alamogordo	57.4	75	39	0.00	0.00	0.71	1.62	11.92
Animas	60.2	78	44	0.00	0.00	0.71	7.31	10.62
Deming	56.6	74	39	0.11	0.11	0.64	6.54	9.73
T or C	54.5	72	39	Т	0.00	0.60	9.35	9.22
Las Cruces	57.6	78	37	0.08	0.08	0.53	5.65	8.72

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

CROP PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Corn for grain producers expect to harvest 10.5 million bushels, unchanged from last month and down 10 percent from a year ago. Acreage harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 62,000 acres a drop of 11,000 acres from last year. Upland cotton production was increased to 120,000 bales, an increase of 5,000 bales from last month and up 18.8 percent from last year. Yields are expected to reach 823 pounds per acre, the highest seen since the late 1950's.

American-Pima harvested acreage, at 7,000 acres, is unchanged from October and is 2,900 acres above the 2000 crop season. Sorghum production is forecast at 9 million bushels, up 11 percent from last months forecast. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 50 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels over last month. Peanut production forecast also increased to 67.2 million pounds up 7.2 million pounds from last months forecast. Growers reported above average yields with the state averaging 2,800 pounds per acre and 24,000 acres to be harvested. Production of Fall Potatoes is estimated at 1.4 million hundredweight, down significantly from last year. Harvested acreage was 4,200 acres, a drop of 2,600 acres from a year ago.

UNITED STATES: Corn for grain production is forecast at 9.55 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month but down 4 percent from 2000. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 138.0 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from October. If realized, this would be the fourth largest production and second highest yield on record. Acreage harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 69.2 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 5 percent from 2000. **Sorghum** production is forecast at 537 million bushels, up slightly from October and up 14 percent from 2000. Based on November 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast, at 61.2 bushels per acre, is up 0.2 bushel from October, and up 0.3 bushel from last year. **Peanut** production is forecast at 4.16 billion pounds, up 7 percent from last month and 27 percent above last year's crop. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.39 million acres, unchanged from October but up 4 percent from 2000. Yields are expected to average 2,990 pounds per acre, 207 pounds above last month and up 546 pounds from 2000. This yield, if realized, will surpass the record high of 2,883 pounds per acre set in 1984. **Upland cotton** harvested acreage, at 13.9 million acres, is unchanged from the October estimate but 8 percent above last year. **American-Pima** harvested acreage, at 240,500 acres, is up 1,500 acres from October and is 42 percent above the 2000 crop season. Production of **fall potatoes** for 2001 is forecast at 401 million cwt, down 14 percent from last year and the smallest fall crop since 1993. Area harvested, at 1.09 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 367 cwt per acre, a drop of 25 cwt from last year.

November 2001 Crop Summary: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2000 and Forecast Nov 1, 2001

		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
Crop	Unit	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
		1,000 Acres		Units		1,000 Units	
NEW MEXICO							
Corn for Grain	Bu	73	62	160.0	170.0	11,680	10,540
Sorghum for Grain	Bu	65	180	25.0	50.0	1,625	9,000
Upland Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	67.0	70.0	724	823	101.0	120.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	4.1	7.0	539	686	4.6	10.0
Peanuts	Lb	26.0	24.0	2,115	2,800	54,990	67,200
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt	6.8	4.2	400	340	2,720	1,428
UNITED STATES							
Corn for Grain	Bu	72,732	69,191	137.1	138.0	9,968,358	9,545,513
Sorghum for Grain	Bu	7,723	8,777	60.9	61.2	470,070	536,755
Upland Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	12,884.0	13,899.0	626	675	16,799.2	19,557.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	169.0	240.5	1,105	1,233	389.1	618.0
Peanuts	Lb	1,336.0	1,390.5	2,444	2,990	3,265,505	4,157,400
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt	1,348.0	1,237.1	381	357	513,621	441,848

¹/Production ginned and to be ginned. ²/480-Lb net weight bales.

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